

Cook County Board of Corrections
January 13, 2006

The meeting of the Cook County Board of Corrections scheduled for Friday, January 13th, 2006 was cancelled due to the fact that only two Board members, Ms. Iola McGowan, and Senator Howard Brookins were present. The presence of three board members constitutes a quorum.

Acting Director Scott Kurtovich was present, as were Board Secretary Rosalyn Torres, and Vera Bonds, Administrative Assistant to County Commissioner Bobbie Steele. The Director's statistics for the present week were also made available to us.

LVW observer, Frances Sowa, was able to gather the following information from those present:

- As of 8 a.m. on January 13, 2006, there were 9036 inmates at the Cook County Corrections facility.
- Director Kurtovich reported that for the past two and one-half weeks all inmates were able to sleep on cots; no one slept on floor mattresses.
- Director Kurtovich also indicated that he expected the proposed amended County budget to provide for over 700 new officers.
- Board members McGowan and Brookins stated that Sheriff Sheahan had received the Board's list of candidates for Corrections Director, but they did not expect the Sheriff to name a Director until after the primary elections.
- Ms. McGowan also indicated that she had complained to Corrections Board Chair Iracheta about the fact that a number of recent Board meetings have been cancelled.

Respectfully Submitted
Frances Sowa